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Ring-um-Berlin Units of the VP Grenzpolizei.

1. The headquarters of the Ring-um-Berlin units of the Grenzpolizei was located at 106 Parkstrasse, Berlin-Weissensee on 1 October 1950. Key officers on the staff included VP Inspekteur Maseberg, (fnu), commanding officer; VP Oberkommissar Voges, (fnu), PK officer; VP Inspekteur Knoeffel, (fnu), deputy commanding officer; VP Kommandeur Schmidt, (fnu), operations officer; VP Oberrat Schuster, (fnu), in charge of criminal section; VP Oberrat Krenz, (fnu), in charge of Kontrollpassierpunkte (checkpoints) (KPP) and the clearing of merchandise; VP Oberrat Traeger, (fnu), head of the cartographic office of the KPP section; VP Rat Lau, (fnu), administrative officer. Three VP Grenzbereitschaften, each of 1,700 to 1,800 men organized into three Kommandanturen, belonged to the Ring-um-Berlin Grenzpolizei. The three Grenzbereitschaften, which were located in Teltow, Blumberg, and Falkensee respectively, were equipped with light and heavy machine guns and small arms. Several Kommandos of the Bereitschaft in Teltow also had light and medium mortars. The Ring-um-Berlin units were made up mostly of Saxons and Thuringians, while natives of Berlin or Land Brandenburg were not employed with these Bereitschaften.

VP Grenzbereitschaft in Teltow.

2. The VP Grenzbereitschaft in Teltow controlled an area which extended from Potsdam, Hedlitzer Bruecke, (bridge), as far as Koenigswusterhausen. Key officers included VP Kommandeur Fichtner, commanding officer; and VP Oberrat Zieschou, (fnu), PK officer.
3. The Kommandantur in Schulzendorf of the Grenzbereitschaft in Teltow was commanded by VP Rat Augsburg, (fnu), and had Kommandos in Gross-Ziethen, Schoenefeld, Woltersdorf, Eichwalde, and Koenigswusterhausen; KPPs were in Schoenefeld, Woltersdorf, and Koenigswusterhausen; a Wasserkontrollpunkt (river checkpoint) was in Neue Muehle.
4. The Kommandantur in Klein-Machnow of the Grenzbereitschaft in Teltow was commanded by VP Rat Illing, (fnu), had two Kommandos in Klein-Machnow, one in Teltow and one in Dreilinden; and KPPs at the Autobahn in Seddin and at Stahnsdorfer Damm.

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5. The Kommandantur in Blankenfelde of the Grenzbereitschaft in Tellow was commanded by VP Oberkommissar Muehler, (fnu), and controlled one Kommando each in Heinersdorf, Grossbeeren, Rangsdorf, Zossen; two Kommandos in Mahlow; and KPPs in Grossbeeren, Rangsdorf, and Zossen.

VP Grenzbereitschaft Blumberg.

6. The VP Grenzbereitschaft in Blumberg controlled an area which extended from Koenigswusterhausen as far as Oranienburg. Officers on the staff were VP Oberrat Born, (fnu), commanding officer; VP Rat Kollert, (fnu), PK officer; VP Rat Klein, (fnu), commanding officer of the Kommandantur in Blumberg; VP Rat Birnbaum, (fnu), commanding officer of the Kommandantur in Summt; and VP Rat Assmann, (fnu), commanding officer of the Kommandantur in Schoeneiche. KPPs of the Bereitschaft were at the railroad stations of Werneuchen, Bernau, Altlandsberg, Erkner, Fredersdorf-Strausberg, Schoenerlinde, and in Glienicke and Moenchsmuehle.

VP Grenzbereitschaft Falkensee.

7. Officers of the VP Grenzbereitschaft in Falkensee included VP Oberrat Wolff, (fnu), commanding officer, who had been reduced in rank from VP Kommandeur to VP Oberrat on 1 October 1950; VP Oberrat Voigt, (fnu), PK officer; VP Rat Zohlen, (fnu), commanding officer of the Kommandantur in Hennigsdorf; and VP Rat Doehring, (fnu), commanding officer of the Kommandantur in Falkensee. Kommandanturen of the Bereitschaft were stationed in Hennigsdorf, Falkensee, and Gross-Glienicke; and Kommandos in Velten, Niederneuendorf, Hohenneuendorf, Oranienburg, Seeburg, Potsdam, Michendorf, Dallgow-Doebritz, Nauen and Gross-Glienicke. KPPs were at the railroad stations of Wustermark, Potsdam, Velten, Oranienburg, Nauen, Babelsberg, Michendorf, Dallgow-Doebritz, at Highway No 32 near Schoenwalde, and at the Autobahn near Dreilinden. A river checkpoint was in charge of the Havel River and Templin Lake. The Bereitschaft controlled an area extending from Potsdam, Nedlitzer Bruecke, as far as Oranienburg. \*

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The report confirms previous information on the three Ring-um-Berlin Grenzbereitschaften and appears to be correct.

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